

Southeast Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

August 28, 2017 Meeting Summary

NEFAR Office, 7801 Deercreek Club Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256



Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members

The Gables HOA – Debbie Johnson Chair
Villa San Jose Civic Association – Marj Rothstein Vice Chair
Alumni Civic Association – Kathleen Perera
Bartram Springs HOA – Joe Luczak
Blackwood Forest HOA – Pamela Fraser
Blackwood Forest HOA – Steve Clark
Brierwood Neighborhood Association – Robin Pickle
Deercreek Owners Association – Carol D'Onofrio
Deercreek Owners Association - Peter Gentry
East Hampton Homeowners Association – Eric Laner
Englewood Full Service Schools – Ralph Hodges
Greater Hood Road Community Association- Jim Hill
Hampton Glen at Deerwood HOA – Abby Howard Murphy
Johns Creek – Todd Ierna
Oak View Corner Oaks Owners Association – Jon Malmind
Rose Creek Condo Association – Henry Rogers
Royal Lakes Civic Association – Jim Akers
Saddlebrook Homeowners Association – Gloria Stephens
Secret Cove – Gary Weise
The Arc Jacksonville Village – Denise Torres
The Lakewood Community – Dick Cardell

Excused:

Deerwood Improvement Association – Ernst Cornehl
Mandarin Community Club – Karen Rowe
Pickwick Park Civic Association – Elizabeth Wolfe
Secret Cove – George Banks

Staff and Elected Officials:

City Council District 3 Aide – Carol Brock
City Council District 11 – Danny Becton
Duval County School Board – Lori Hershey
JaxParks – Aaron Smiley
JEA – Suzanne Goss
JPL – Keli Likins
JSO – Lt. Craig Waldrup
JTA- Cheryl Riddick
Neighborhoods Code Compliance – Bob Crawford
Neighborhoods Code Compliance – Charles Sanders
Neighborhood Services – Rosemary Wesolowski
Planning and Development Dept – Kristen Reed

Guests:

William Michaelis – Stiles Corp
Carmen Mazzeo - Self
Fred Atwill - Developer
Debbie Campbell - Mandarin Garden Club
George Miller - Sweetwater
David Euler
Tim Edwards
Ann Clapp - GENA

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Johnson called the meeting to order. Rosemary Wesolowski verified that a quorum was present.
- 2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary:** A motion was made by Henry Rogers to approve the July 2017 meeting summary and Jim Hill made a second; the summary was approved.
- 3. Presentation(s): Brad Thoburn, Director of Planning, Jacksonville Transportation Authority, .** Mr. Thoburn provided the background and proposed modernization for the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) Skyway and introduced how JTA would like to transform downtown mobility and modes of transportation.

Mr. Thoburn stated that the current Skyway system is an automated I-beam system that is dated and provides transportation to a limited area. As a result, the Skyway modernization is necessary and JTA recommends transforming the Skyway into a new, Ultimate Urban Circulator (U2C) system. The U2C system will employ rapidly emerging autonomous transit vehicle technology that will use the elevated track system of the current Skyway; it will additionally have the ability to descend and continue to transport on street level. It was stated that the U2C program will be cost effective and allow JTA to reach beyond the current Skyway system and vastly improve transportation in the urban areas of our city.

JTA is responding to integrated feedback while planning the U2C system from information that they obtained from their partner agencies, the community and stakeholders. More than 1250 individuals participated in an online survey and from these responses the community shared where they wanted to go and when they want to use the Skyway. JTA has established new priority destinations and possible expansion of routes for U2C from the online survey responses, public meetings and various feedback mechanisms. Additionally, to enhance connectivity, the new JTA plan recommends a new crossing (bridge) of the St. Johns River to be constructed. The new bridge would be for transit, bicycles and pedestrians only; connecting the Northbank and the Southbank Riverwalk creating an inner loop for the future U2C service and enhancing accessibility.

The CPAC was educated on new autonomous vehicle technology that will be utilized in various forms of mass transit. Examples of autonomous vehicles were presented. At this time, JTA has not selected the new vehicles they will add to their fleet, but JTA did share a concept vision they have established for U2C. The vision includes:

- A larger fleet of vehicles arriving more often for passengers
- Vehicles large enough to carry peak number of passengers
- Vehicles that could operate individually or be connected to provide high capacity during peak travel times or events
- Street level extensions to the current Skyway that use dedicated transit lanes with signal priority to ensure a high level of speed, frequency and reliability

JTA continues to work with federal, state and local governments to evaluate and secure funding. Mr. Thoburn stated that the current JTA timeline to integrate the new autonomous vehicles into their transportation systems in five years. At this time they do not have any idea how the new U2C will impact fares for riders.

4. **Elected Officials Reports:**

- **Danny Becton, City Council District 11** – announced that the opening of the tennis courts at the 9A-Baymeadows Regional Park has been delayed until September 9, 2017. The councilman announced that Florida East Coast Railroad is currently working on the railroad tracks at Greenland Road. The railroad informed the councilman that project is behind scheduled, so those in the surrounding Greenland Road area should expect delays for the next day or two. Councilman Becton will host a town hall meeting in the Nocatee Community on September 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm and a town hall meeting at the Southeast Regional Library in October; details for the October meeting will be provided at a later date.
Contact Councilmember Becton at 630-2737 or dbecton@coj.net
- **Lori Hershey, Duval County School Board Member** -announced that the school board voted to join the state wide joint lawsuit to fight House Bill 7069. It was stated that the school board is especially concerned with the portion of House Bill 7069 that diverts funds from public schools to charter schools.
- **Carol Brock, City Council District 3 Aide** – was there on behalf of City Council Member Bowman and introduced herself to the CPAC.
Contact Councilmember Bowman at 630-1386 or abowman@coj.net

5. **Staff Reports (3 minute time limit)**

- **JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office)** – Lt. Waldrup reminded the CPAC about the Home and Commercial Alarm Registration deadline on August 31 2017. All Monitored Alarms Must Re-register Under JSO's New System. Beginning June 1st, 2017, if you have either a home or a commercial alarm you must re-register to obtain a new permit number under JSO's New Alarm Registration System by visiting the web site

https://www.cityalarmpermit.com/FAMS/Citizen/City/Jacksonville/ATB_Login.aspx or in person to obtain a form for mailing purposes at any Jacksonville police substation.

There is a one-time registration fee (Discount of \$13 if completed online, \$10 if by mailed) as long as you renew / verify your information each year. Fee is \$20 after 09/01. All prior permit numbers are no longer valid.

The reason to the new registration/permitting is part of False Alarm Ordinance Bill 2016-562 to help JSO obtain current information on each property for which a monitored alarm exists. This bill was passed to help cut down on the 45,000 alarms whereby 98% are false alarms. With the new system, there will be two courtesy visits, after two courtesy visits, the fines are as follows:

3rd visit -\$50 fine; 4th visit -\$100 fine; 5th visit - \$150 fine; and the 6th visit \$250 fine. After the 6th alarm, JSO will no longer respond unless it's a Panic Alarm or Robbery in Progress in one calendar year.

If you have questions about Jacksonville's New Alarm Program please call 1-877-883-0677. Contact JSO at Zone 3 Substation-828-5463

- **JFRD (Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department)** – not in attendance
- **Mayor's Liaison** – not in attendance
Contact E. Denise Lee at 630-1874 or edenisel@coj.net
- **Duval County Public Schools** – Lori Hershey reported on behalf of DCPS.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation)** – Jim Green announced that the I-95/JTB construction project will be completed by the end of September 2017. The intersection improvement project at Beach Boulevard and University Boulevard should be completed in December 2017. The first express lane along I-295 in the Mandarin area should open up in early 2018. Contact Jim Green at James.Green@dot.ST.FL.us or 360-5684
- **Neighborhoods Department (Code Compliance)** – Robert Crawford informed the CPAC that in 2016 his team collected 20,000 snipe signs. So far in 2017, his team has collected over 29,000 snipe signs. The systematic inspection of the Beach Haven Community netted 39 new cases. On September 5, 2017, Code Compliance will start a systematic inspection in the Baymeadows corridor; this will impact both residential communities and commercial developments along Baymeadows Road.
Contact Robert Crawford at 255-7042 or robertc@coj.net
- **JEA (Jacksonville Electric Authority)** – Suzanne Goss – reminded the CPAC that we are in the height of hurricane season and JEA is observing/learning from Hurricane Harvey that recently hit Texas. Ms. Goss reminded everyone to be vigilant and be prepared and purchase hurricane supplies before a hurricane threat is upon us.
Contact JEA at 665-5000
- **JTA (Jacksonville Transportation Authority)** – Cheryl Riddick – no report
Contact Cheryl Riddick at 632-5522 or criddick@jtafla.com
- **JPL (Jacksonville Public Library)** – Keli Likins thanked City Council for increasing their budget. The additional funds in the budget will go to increasing the collection at all libraries. Most importantly, the additional funds will be used to build a new library in the Oceanway area. At the SE Regional Branch library on September 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm, there will be a presentation and book signing for the book *Feeding the Enemy*. *Feeding the Enemy* was released in June 2016 and it is based on the true story of an Italian family's determination to survive during World War II in Italy.
Contact Keli Likins at 996-0325*220 or klikins@coj.net
- **Planning and Development Department** – Kristen Reed was in attendance on behalf of Susan Kelly – no report, but available for questions.
Contact Susan Kelly at 255-7827 or ksusan@coj.net
- **Military Affairs and Veterans Department** – not in attendance
Contact Ashley Rogan at 630-3625 or arogan@coj.net
- **Public Works** – Duane Kent was in attendance for Tom Fallin – no report, but available for questions.
- **Recreation and Parks** – Aaron Smiley announced:

- The boat dock at County Dock Park off Mandarin Road will be replaced this fall.
 - Palmetto Leaves Regional Park off Greenland Road is adding a zip line course to the park.
 - Turf is currently being laid at 9A-Baymeadows Regional Park; the project should be completed by the end of September.
 - The splash pad at Losco Park is installed and operating.
- Contact JaxParks at 255-7900 or visit www.jaxparks.com

6. Subcommittee/Liaison Reports (3 minute time limit) –

• **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning) –**

The LUZ Subcommittee reviewed twenty applications and one motion was made. The motion was:

- Opposition: SW-17-09, (Ordinance 2017-603) which seeks to increase the size of a canopy sign from 16 square feet to 20 square feet at 8441 Philips Highway. After much discussion, the motion passed with a 7 to 4 vote.
- **Beautification/Parks/Environment** – Dick Cardell – informed the CPAC he traveled to the Carolinas to view the Solar Eclipse on August 21, 2017. Mr. Cardell reported that Greenville, North Carolina, Charlotte, North Carolina and Columbia, South Carolina have all planted a lot of trees in their downtown areas.
 - **Economic Development** – Gloria Stephens – reported:
 - Amazon has officially purchased Whole Foods Grocery Stores. Amazon announced that all Whole Foods customers would immediately see "lower prices on a selection of best-selling staples across stores," after completion of the merger. This includes discounts on Whole Foods' Whole Trade bananas, organic avocados, organic large brown eggs, organic "responsibly farmed" salmon and tilapia, organic baby kale and baby lettuce, animal-welfare-rated 85 percent lean ground beef, creamy and crunchy almond butter, organic Gala and Fuji apples, organic rotisserie chicken, "365 Everyday Value" organic butter and more, according to Amazon's press release.
 - A redevelopment agreement hasn't yet been reached between the Shad Khan-backed Iguana Investments and the Downtown Investment Authority, but a small step in that direction was taken on August 23, 2017. The DIA has agreed on a site access agreement that would allow representatives from Iguana Investments LLC access to the nearly 70-acre, city-owned property to perform environmental, geotechnical and other "invasive due diligence activities." Iguana Investments will be allowed 180 days access to perform the tests. Iguana would incur all costs associated with the tests, unless the DIA revokes the access.
 - Pet Paradise will build another state-of-the-art pet resort that offers high end pet boarding and pet daycare for dogs and cats. The new Bartram location will feature a new design with more shade structures, trees, covered porches and misting stations in the outside play yard with a swimming pool and splash area for the dogs.
 - **Education** – George Banks – not in attendance. It was announced that George has experienced a serious medical condition and is on the road to recovery. A get well card was circulated for the CPAC members to sign.
 - **Membership** – Marj Rothstein – no report
 - **Safety** – Betty Wolfe – not present

Ad-Hoc:

- **North Florida TPO** – Jim Hill – no report.
- **TRUE (Taxation, Revenue and Utilization of Expenditures) Commission** – Gloria Stephens-attended a commission meeting on August 3, 2017; an audit review was conducted. The review revealed that the contractor that schedules the JTA buses reported the schedules incorrectly. The auditors recommend that the contract be terminated.
- **Neighborhood Coordinators Report** – Rosemary Wesolowski –

Reminded the CPAC that the CPAC membership is required to form a temporary Nomination Subcommittee. The Nomination Subcommittee is needed so the 2018 CPAC Chair and Vice Chair elections can be held at the November 2017 CPAC meeting. There was a request for volunteers to form the subcommittee. The Matching Grant program is ongoing; upcoming workshops will be held on August 19 and 28, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Ed Ball Building.

Contact Rosemary Wesolowski at 255-8261 or rosemary@coj.net

8. **Chairs Report** – Debbie Johnson – stated that the survey that the CPAC membership completed at the beginning of the year revealed that the CPAC members would like to have another bus tour. The cost to charter a bus is very costly, but the cost to charter a school bus was affordable. After some discussion, it was determined that a school bus may not accommodate the CPAC membership appropriately. Chair Johnson stated that before the start of the CPAC meeting, she spoke to Brad Thoburn from JTA about the possibility of JTA donating a bus for the purpose of a SE CPAC bus tour. Mr. Thoburn requested that a request letter be sent with information from the previous bus tour so JTA can consider the request
9. **Unfinished Business -**
10. **New Business –**
11. **Public Comment-**

11. **Motion to Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm**

NEXT MEETING: September 25, 2017 ~ 6:30 p.m.

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